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Rose Seaton Public School students Rielly Borelli, left, and Kaden Hannigan were honorary firefighters for a day on Wednesday when they went for a ride in a pump truck and under strict supervision, put out a fire at the Fort Erie Fire Department's training facility. Students were asked to create a fire safety plan for their homes and Borelli and Hannigan were two of 12 local kids who were awarded the big day.



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Complete review

> Firm says there are no glaring inefficiencies at Town Hall

Kris Dubé
The Times

A probe into the efficiencies and effectiveness at Town Hall has concluded.

On Monday night, council rose from closed session to wrap up the operational review that began about three months ago.

The intention of the review, which was supported by votes from councillors John Hill, Bob Steckley, Paul Collard and Jim Lubick, was to assess the day to day functionality, operational structure, current staff and service levels within each of the Town's departments with the objective to identify strengths and potential areas for improvement.

The overall findings from the firm who conducted the review (Western Management Consultants) were positive.

The firm says the Town of Fort Erie compares favourably to similar towns benchmarked.

Some additional capacity may exist within some departments, but the preliminary scan revealed no glaring inefficiencies.

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Council members ready to move ahead with findings

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Several potential cost savings and avoidance opportunities were discovered, as well as possible ways to improve efficiency and customer service.

"The study clearly shows that the Town is operating in an efficient and effective manner," said mayor Doug Martin.

"Our capable staff will be

able to build the consultant's suggestions for improvement, ensuring that the Town continues to build for tomorrow," he added in a press release.

Acting chief administrative officer Ron Tripp noted "Western Management has completed a very thorough and objective review of all Town services. Their work has validated the value of the services provided by Town staff and provided valuable insight for on-

going efficiency and customer service improvements."

Steps to come in the next two to three weeks include debriefing and reviewing the study findings with both council and staff, finalizing the consultant report and preparing a summary report for public circulation.

Council overlooked other bids from firms to conduct the review and ended up going ahead with a

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— Ward 4 Coun.
John Hill

result, I’m pleased it came out this way and now we can move forward," said Martin.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill was the member of council who motioned to have the operational review conducted, earlier this year.

All along, he has said this is something needed at the municipal building for a long time as there were many questions and perceptions in the community, as to whether or not there were unnecessary improvements that could be made.

It will pay off in the end, he said.

"It's an investment into the future of Fort Erie," said Hill.

The firm contracted to conduct the review (Western Management Consultants), did validate that the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie does compare favourably to other municipalities, but also said there is room for improvement and identi-

fied different cost savings and avoidance opportunities.

The overall findings will be presented in a report brought to council on Nov. 14.

"I look forward to seeing the report when it's finalized," said Hill.

Hill, along with councillors Lubbers, Collard and Steckley were criticized by some of their colleagues for the price tag attached to the review, but he remains certain it was an important step that needed to be taken.

"It's something we needed to do. It's something every, strong organization does."

But the firm's findings are a step in the direction of putting this in the past.

"Now that we know we compare favourably and we've identified some cost savings... let's execute these and put this to rest until we feel it's necessary to do it again," said Hill.

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Noyes getting closer to elusive answer from EDTC

► Ontario Information and Privacy Commission dismisses appeals against freedom of information request

Kris Dubé
The Times

Ann Marie Noyes could be getting closer to some information she has wanted from the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation (EDTC) since May of last year.

The former councillor and mayoral runner-up by a mere five votes in the last election filed an inquiry of information request with the arm's length agency to the Town of Fort Erie, but was denied the inquiry.

She is looking for policies and guidelines with contractors, conflict of interest policies for the EDTC's employees and board of directors and a list of untendered contracts awarded by the EDTC.

Noyes is also looking for information regarding the issuance of request for proposals and requests for quotes for the procurement of goods and services that were awarded.

On Oct. 20, Daphne Loukidellis, an adjudicator with the Ontario Information and Privacy Commission wrote that the EDTC does qualify as an "institution" under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Therefore, it is subject to a further look into Noyes' claims. In its appeal, the EDTC submitted that "the information contained in the freedom of information request has been provided to the appellant many times."

The adjudicator dismissed the appeals

made by the EDTC and has ordered the EDTC to provide a response to the request.

Noyes first made the inquiry directly to the EDTC over a year ago but it was not granted because the agency feels it wasn't obligated under any legislation and that the information she hoped for had already been provided.

She then filed with the Information and Privacy Commission and its opinion was that her request

"We gave her all the information she asked for."

—EDTC general manager Jim Thibert

should be given more attention.



Ann-Marie Noyes



Jim Thibert

"I'm glad for the taxpayer we now have an avenue to find out more information," said Noyes.

She also admits that ongoing negotiations and sensitive information is not public knowledge.

"You have to respect that and I understand that," she said.

Part of the request inquires the process of choosing contractors for projects in Greater Fort

Erie. Noyes feels a better understanding is warranted, of how the EDTC arrives at final decisions when it comes to awarding tenders.

"We don't know how they choose A.B. and C."

When contacted on Thursday, EDTC general manager Jim Thibert said he had just received it late Wednesday night and that there wasn't much to say at this point, other than the

board of directors will decide if it wants to appeal the adjudicator's decision.

"I haven't even read it over and looked at it yet," said Thibert.

"We gave her all the information she asked for," he said.

He expected that next week the EDTC will know what direction to take on the matter and has 30 days to respond, starting from Oct. 20.

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Wearing seatbelt may have saved victim's life, police say

A two-vehicle accident on the Queen Elizabeth Way Tuesday morning has claimed the life of a woman. Ontario Provincial Police say both cars were driving in the Toronto-bound lanes of the QEW when the collision occurred just before the Ridgemount Rd. overpass.

Both cars ended up in the

wild swamp-like ditch well off the right side of the highway.

A black Jeep Liberty had heavy damage to its passenger side near the rear wheel while a silver Chevrolet Avalanche rested about 20 metres away with its back door open. Close to the Avalanche was a tarp cover-

ing what police said was the body of that vehicle's female driver. The driver of the Liberty was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Ontario Provincial Police staff sergeant Jan Idzenga confirmed the fatality, and said wearing a seatbelt maybe have saved

the Avalanche driver's life. It's believed that vehicle rolled, ejecting the driver before coming to rest in the ditch.

A 39-year-old woman from Welland has been identified as the deceased.

"The aggravating factor in this collision is the seatbelt. Unfortunately, the person that is now deceased was not wearing a seatbelt and I strongly believe, looking at the damage to the vehicle, that had she been wearing a seatbelt, this may not have been a fatality." The accident happened about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and the Toronto-bound lanes of the QEW reopened in the afternoon.

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The scene of a fatal accident on Tuesday morning, near the Ridgemount Road overpass along the Queen Elizabeth Way.

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Still living life to the fullest 14 years after accident

Kris Dubé
The Times

In the summer of 1997, Dennis Hernandez-Galeano's life changed forever.

He and some friends were on their way from Port Colborne to Niagara Falls, with a designated driver, while enjoying their time off at students at Lakeshore Catholic High School (LCHS)... getting ready to start their final year of classes.

While driving down Netherby Road, Hernandez-Galeano was sitting in the middle of the backseat between two friends, when the car went off the road because of heavy fog and slippage and wasn't visible to his friend operating the vehicle.

His head hit the ceiling of the vehicle and the pressure crushed his fifth vertebrae, leaving him paralyzed.

This was 14 years ago and he was only 19-years-old. Since then, he has lived his life to the fullest...

Sometimes life does throw you a curve ball and you have to make what you can out of it."

— Dennis Hernandez-Galeano

regardless of his injury. "Sometimes life does throw you a curve ball and you have to make what you can out of it," he said.

Surrounded by his friends and family, he said that support system was what has made adapting to this drastic change in his life so much easier.

"It made a big difference in my recovery, the first step in this journey I've taken," said Hernandez-Galeano when meeting with the Times at his fully accessible home this week.

For the last eight years, he has been involved with the Town of Fort Erie's accessibility advisory committee. Recently, he took on the role of chair to the committee.

In this position, the 33-year-old has met many individuals who faced a similar reality to the one he's dealt with for the last 14 years, but he has also become more aware of the many cards people and their families can be dealt.

"I've learned a lot about other types of disabilities and if anything, it's been a benefit for myself," he said.

In his role with the accessibility committee, he is getting ready for the 25th anniversary of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Tour.

Hansen toured 34 countries across the globe on a 26-month long expedition and is someone who has been living with a spinal cord injury since a very young age.

At the time of Hernandez-Galeano's accident, he

admits that Hansen was not someone he knew a lot about.

While he was at the Hamilton General Hospital, a physiotherapist wrote to Hansen and told him about Dennis' story.

A few weeks later, an autographed copy of Hansen's autobiography arrived for him, with a nice message of hope. He told Dennis to keep living his life in a positive and strong fashion.

That's exactly what he has done and he has used it as inspiration ever since.

"That made a big difference for me," he said.

Before the accident in 1997, Dennis could be seen around LCHS putting his love of soccer and football to use, playing on both teams.

For the last eight years, he has coached youth soccer in Fort Erie and says it's about more than just teaching the fundamentals of the sport... it's about helping his players become outstanding citizens who will want to give back to their

own community after taking home some of the messages he himself learned.

But Dennis lost his interest in sports. And he never lost the confidence that has kept him active in the games he loves.

"Just because I'm not able to play, that doesn't mean I can't be involved," said

Hernandez-Galeano.

The Rick Hansen Man in Motion Tour is coming to town on Nov. 12 and there will be a gathering following the event, at the Old Fort Visitor's Centre.

For more information on volunteering at the event, call Bev Bradnam at (905) 871-1600 ext. 2201.



Dennis Hernandez-Galeano with a copy of Rick Hansen's book, containing a signed message to him from the iconic Canadian, shortly after an accident in 1997. Hernandez-Galeano is the chair of the Town of Fort Erie's accessibility committee. On Nov. 15, Hansen's Man in Motion Tour comes to the community.

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our editorial

Safety comes first on Halloween

Soon all of Fort Erie's finest ghosts, goblins, witches and princesses will be out with one goal on their minds— to fill their bags with as much candy as their hands can carry.

And the Times is wishing everyone a ghoulishly good time this Halloween.

But, before the costumes are on, the makeup is finished and the kids have their knapsacks in hand, make sure to remind all the youngsters out there to think about their safety and not just about getting all of those yummy treats.

Costumes should be comfortable and well-fitting so youngsters won't trip or fall.

It's best to make sure any swords, knives and any other costume accessories are short, soft and flexi-

ble so no trick-or-treat gets hurt.

Remind trick-or-treater's not to go out on their own and make sure they're with a large group of kids or a trusted family member or friend.

Be cautious when walking along the road and walk on a side walk whenever possible. The best way to make sure drivers can see children is by making sure they have flashlights or reflective tape on their costumes.

Before the kids dig into their feast of chocolates, gummies, suckers and all sorts of other goodies, parents should examine the candy and make sure nothing is open and the packages aren't ripped.

Happy Haunting!

-Sarah Ferguson



Do You Remember?

Thanks to Kim Tybolski who told us with a pleasant trip down memory lane it was when she saw her grandmother, Sarah O'Neill, in last week's photo. Kim then found the original early 1970s newspaper article and e-mailed us with the following caption:

Residents at Northland Manor [Port Colborne] received an addition to their therapy equipment Wednesday. A therapy chair, courtesy of Niagara Cyclo Massage Co., of Fort Erie,

was presented by vice-president and general manager Gordon Taylor and local distributor Mrs. A. Mootie. From the left are: Gordon Taylor; supervisor Mrs. D. Male; Mrs. A. Mootie; Mrs. B. Yager, adjutant; and vice-chairman of the Social Services Committee for the Niagara Region Len Hardy. Seated is resident Sarah O'Neill.

Mr. Taylor said Niagara Cyclo Massage Co., has a children's hospital in the United States equipped

entirely with their therapy equipment.

Mrs. Mootie said the therapy chair, valued at about \$575, is equipped with circular massagers and heat, all of which can be controlled by the user. The chair they said, should be especially useful for the tension after therapy sessions.

We ask any Rotarians to provide information on this week's photo. Please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Nothing wrong with councillor following through on promise



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

area, he said publicly on a few occasions that he would hold events that made him accessible to his constituents if he was successful in his bid.

That's exactly what he has done.

On Thursday night, I attended Hill's Town Hall meeting at the Fort Erie Public Library's Crystal Ridge Branch, that was attended by about 60 people.

I wondered what direction the forum might take in the days leading up to it and

I am glad to see it was what I expected.

Hill didn't get into criticism of his colleagues on council who don't share the same vision as him on certain issues.

He started the evening by expressing his thanks to everyone who was there, some of whom were obvious supporters and some were individuals who have been critical of him in the past.

When his opening remarks concluded, he opened up the floor for questions.

The Point Abino Lighthouse Restoration Project and the Kinsmen Club appeared to be the most heavily discussed topics and he even asked the crowd to stay away from any conversation involving Bay Beach, referring to it as a project that is moving forward.

I was impressed with the decorum that his critics used during the question and answer period. One of the people who challenged him on a few things is the person who filed an applica-

cation with the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee over his campaign expenses.

The debate didn't turn nasty and personal, something that happens far too often in this special town we live in.

Whether you agree with Hill's politics or not, he should be commended for putting himself out in the open like this.

I worry that if every councillor held an event similar to this one, things could get out of hand. But Hill taking

this step to have more dialogue with local residents in an open atmosphere where anyone can show up, looks very good on him.

It shows that he is willing to work with residents and his colleagues on council in a positive fashion, despite major disagreements in the last year.

It's time to move forward and not dwell on the past. If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editorial@forterie.com.

John Hill is simply sticking to a campaign promise he made before he was elected as the councillor for Ward 4 in the October election.

While he was on the trail looking for votes in the Ridgeway-Thunder Bay

opinion page

Anti-American labels are not accurate, says reader

Dear Editor,

After reading Mr. Bondsfield letter from last week, in response to my letter, I feel it necessary to clarify some things.

My letter was about the Fort Erie Waterfront Preservation Association (FEWPA) and I used the lighthouse as an example of a waterfront preservation project that the FEWPA did not even bat an eye at in helping to restore it. Comparing raising taxes for infrastructure versus repairing a lighthouse that serves no benefit to the people of this town and has no potential to generate revenue is nothing short of expected from this mindset.

In my letter, I pointed out that it is illegal to donate money to local politicians by foreigners. Because you vacation here and own property does not qualify you to have a say on issues that impact the residents who live here year round.

Your taxes go towards things like garbage removal and sewers.

It is our lives that are impacted while you spend your winters, where ever you spend your winters, we are

still here shoveling snow off our sidewalks and dealing with flooded basements. Of course I call this being pro Fort Erie, but Mr. Bondsfield will call it being anti-American and feels that they are being insulted.

If I am being anti-American I suppose our Canadian laws are anti-American as well.

I may be missing something here but do we not live in Canada? I have also been accused of being pro-American as well but hey people will attack you when they don't agree with you either way.

Where Mr. Bondsfield really crosses the line is in suggesting that the FOBC bingo license removal was anything short of them breaking the rules and being held accountable to those rules like all 105 other service groups in this town.

That Mr. Bondsfield feels that councilors who did not follow clearly outlined rules in our municipal elections act are being targeted again is over the line. Laws and rules are in place for a reason.

They were there before these councilors broke them and they all need to be accountable for them. The rules weren't made just for

them.

Mr. Bondsfield seems to forget that Mayor Martin and Councillor Passero were audited as well.

From them, they have said, we made a mistake and we will deal with it. The others all cry foul. It shows who has true character on this council.

If I am exercising my freedom of speech rights by pointing this out for the public to be aware is abusing these groups, what are the actions of these groups doing these things to the people of this town called? Mr. Bondsfield just took my point and twisted around.

As for the majority debate that keeps coming up.

You need look no further than the mayoral results. The candidate that ran on the and condo platform was defeated by the candidate that supported the condo.

Less than 13 per cent of eligible voters actually voted for her and I would bet the farm it would be even less if elections were held again today.

So who is abusing who?

Greg Bonito
Fort Erie

The TIMES Asks



Noah Wade
"Commander Rex from Star Wars because I like the idea of being a commander."



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Tianna Cudmore
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What will you be dressing up as for Halloween this year?



Caden Moeller
"I'm going to be a black cat with a sword. I chose my costume with my mom and dad."

What do you think?

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Town had 'unacceptable arrangement' with EDTC

Dear Editor,

Town Council's recent decision which would make employees of the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation town employees is a step in the right direction. For years the EDTC has been receiving millions of dollars in funding without having to be accountable to the taxpayers who are providing these funds. At the same time, Fort Erie has lost many well-paying jobs in companies such as Fleet, Royal, Pathon Inc. and others. In addition to this, the EDTC has attracted some business proposals which have actually cost the people of Fort Erie money. One such proposal is the Niagara River Golf Club. The EDTC endorsed this development which was to be built on

Provincially Significant Wetlands. An OMB appeal was fought and the town lost. Not only did we not gain any jobs, but we also lost tens of thousands of dollars defending this ill-fated plan. It is not surprising that some would like the EDTC to remain a confidential organization. However, if the EDTC is conducting business in an honest and ethical manner, they have nothing to fear from public scrutiny.

There is no doubt that an economic development corporation is needed, however, not one that is shrouded in secrecy. As one of your readers stated in a recent letter to the editor, we are in a new era of transparency and accountability. This is why tax rollers that fund Mr. Baldwin's salary and the EDTC. They are paid by the citizens and it is to them that they should be accountable. As a taxpayer in Fort Erie, I would like to see a closer examination of the actual benefits of the hundreds of thousands we pay out to the EDTC each year. For example, how many full-time, well-paying jobs have they actually created? I am asking because this can actually support a family in these tough economic times. Factual data such as this will help assess whether our money is being well-spent. I congratulate the four councilors who have listened to the people who elected them and are doing something about the unacceptable arrangement that the town had with the EDTC.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie is considering to amend the Town of Fort Erie Motorized Snow Vehicle By-Law, No. 24-06 to prohibit the use of motorized snow vehicles on any sidewalk within the Town of Fort Erie and to implement a fine to a maximum of \$250.00.

Report No. CS-35-11 was tabled at the Council-in-Committee meeting of October 17, 2011 to consider the by-law after the holding of a public meeting. A copy of Report No. CS-35-11 is available in the Clerk's office or on line at www.forterie.on.ca by clicking on Corporation of the town of Fort Erie – Recent Public Notices. A public meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall to hear any person who wishes to speak to the matter. Any person wishing to address Council is required to register with the Clerk's office by no later than 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 3, 2011 by contacting 905-871-1600 ext. 2236. Written comments will be received by the undersigned up until 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2011.

Enquiries may also be directed to Geoff Stephenson Coordinator Municipal Law Enforcement at Ext. 2216.

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Hay there!



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Three-year-old Abigail MacDonald was one of several children who accompanied their parents to the Fall Fair hosted by the Ridgeway BIA last weekend. There was plenty to do, including crafts and many other vendors. Abigail had a great time, working her way through a maze of straw and hay.

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Students at General Vanier Public School were awarded this week by Bridges Community Health Centre (CHC) for its participation in the iWalk campaign, a project that encouraged local schools to be active on Oct. 3. The local school had the highest percentage of participation and were awarded by health promoter Rhonda Barron and the CHC with \$1,000 to go toward activities that students can have fun with but still get exercise at the same time. Seen here are Barron, back left, and principal Gary King, with Mara Reid, middle left, Nabina Khan, Joseph Carpenter, Rachel Dobson, Trevor Putman-Whillier, front left, Kyler James, Carmen Burke and Zack Bush.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Volunteers Shirley Hopper, Deb Sherie, Annette Levarie, Pastor Stephenson and Lorraine Lynch are happy to cook food every week at the Lighthouse Diner at the Crystal Ridge Community Church. Everyone who needs it is invited for a free lunch at the community church from noon until 1 p.m., every Thursday.

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Wed., Nov. 9, 7 pm, Centennial.

AUTHOR VISIT WITH HELEN HUMPHREYS

A reading by the author of *The Lost Daughter*, Canadian Book Award Finalist, The Foreigner. Sponsored by the Friends of the Arts. \$2; books available for pre-event sales.

Wed., Nov. 16, 7 pm, Centennial.

WHAT CANADIANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE WAR OF 1812

Historian John Johnston, chair of the 1812 Bicentennial Committee, speaks about this timely topic.

Wed., Nov. 16, 7 pm, Crystal Ridge.

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

Will Ferrell stars in a film about a man who attempts to start his life over after losing his family. Rated 14A, \$2.

Thurs., Nov. 17, 6:30 pm, Centennial.

AUTHOR VISIT WITH AMY MCKEAN

A reading by the author of *The Birth House* as she launches her new title, *The Virgin Cure*. Books available.

Mon., Nov. 21, 7 pm, Amy Roebuck, 905-871-2546, ext. 309.

Fri., Nov. 22, 1 pm, Centennial.

HOLIDAY DECORATING IDEAS

Joyce Fyke offers simple ideas for those who like to decorate, ideas for those who love decorating, and also for craft-challenged, budget-conscious people.

Wed., Nov. 23, 7 pm, Centennial.

DO THE HOLIDAYS GET YOU DOWN?

Counselor Sandy Szackowski offers insight into how the stresses of life and other events keep us from feeling good and what we can do about it.

Wed., Nov. 30, 7 pm, Crystal Ridge.

MITTENS AND BOOKS

Donations of new, often hand-knitted hats, mittens and scarves, and books for children ages 0-12 will be accepted at the Library for distribution through Kineman Gift of Love and St. Vincent de Paul. This year, non-perishable food items will also be collected.

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Mondays beginning Nov. 7, 4 pm, Stevensville.

Tuesdays beginning Nov. 1, 4 pm, Centennial and Crystal Ridge.

Public Library logo

Lighthouse Diner and Soup Kitchen warming up the community

► Free service offered at Crystal Ridge Community Church every Thursday

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Nestled in the heart of Crystal Beach, the Lighthouse Diner and Clothing Depot provides nutritious meals for bellies and warm clothes for the cold.

Pastor Stephenson and her husband Dave, of Lighthouse Ministries, in partnership with the Crystal Ridge Community Church, is inviting everyone in need to visit the Clothing Depot, a free service which runs from 10 a.m. to noon every

Thursday. Afterward, a free lunch is served until 1 p.m.

The Clothing Depot began providing free clothes to people five years ago and the Lighthouse Diner followed a year later when Stephenson and her husband realized there was a need for these services in the community.

There were services offered in Fort Erie, but there was nothing within walking distance for Crystal Beach and Ridgeway residents, Stephenson says.

The diner originally began at the Ridgeway Community Church, but it later made moved to "the heart of Crystal Beach," the Crystal Ridge Community Church, because the new location made it accessible for more people, says Stephenson.

The Lighthouse Diner offers delicious lunches made fresh every time.

These meals are enjoyed by more than 35 to 50 people each week.

"We serve good nutritious meals which always include soup, a main course and dessert. Anything from meat loaf to cabbage rolls and everything is made fresh that day."

Stephenson describes the Lighthouse Diner as a discrete friendly atmosphere where people can enjoy a good meal.

"We set it up like a home atmosphere— we set the tables and play some music. Everyone becomes like a family."

Stephenson says she would like everyone to know members from Bridges Community Health Centre.

"They come bi-weekly and they help out with anyone who has health issues—they give advice and they provide physically as well as emotionally support. If people wish we can also provide them with spiritual support."

While providing many people in the community with the support they need, the Clothing Depot and the Lighthouse Diner accept considerably donations of meats, baked goods, fruits and vegetables to continue operating.

Stephenson would like to thank all of the volunteers, businesses and organizations who have donated their time, food or funds to allow both to continue.

The Clothing Depot and the Lighthouse Diner run every Thursday at the Crystal Ridge Community Church on Elmwood Ave. in Elmwood Beach.

For more information or to make a donation phone the church at 905-894-2562.

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Much needed improvements to Ridgeway cenotaph underway

When a community pays tribute to its fallen soldiers, it should be at a place that is well kept.

Over recent months, members of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 230 and the Crystal Beach Beautification Committee, along with the Town of Fort Erie, have been working to improve the cenotaph in Ridgeway, which has been overgrown with shrubs and weeds for a number of years.

Marcus Antaya, a member of Br. 230, decided something needed to be done and spearheaded an initiative that has created much-needed improvements at the site, at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery.

The foliage has been removed by the Town and replaced with a much more controlled garden of plants and trees.

Volunteers on the project are also hoping to raise about \$4,000 to add inscriptions to the monument, as the most recent conflict on it is the Korean War.

Antaya expects the local community will see this as an important cause and pitch in any way it can.

"Any donations are greatly appreciated," he said.

The Crystal Beach resident feels the past state of the cenotaph was not something to be proud of and that it didn't do a proper job of paying tribute to those who went to war for his freedom.

"It got to the stage where it was embarrassing," said Antaya.

"It wasn't showing our veterans the love and respect they deserve," he said.

Winnie Swalm, co-chair of

the Crystal Beach Beautification Committee, said she and her team of volunteers are thrilled to help out, considering the project evolves around the appearance of the veterans and so many of them.

"We're always glad to make Crystal Beach look better," she said.

"When people come here, we want them to like what they see," added Swalm.

Royal Canadian Legion Br.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Marcus Antaya, Winnie Swalm, Carol Goetsche, David Sheridan, Vivian Sheridan and Lori-Dawn Antaya at the site of the cenotaph in Ridgeway.

230 president Barbara Hopkins is thankful for the hard work and commitment the many people involved in the project have offered and

looks forward to the finished project, once the monument is fully updated and inscribed.

"The cenotaph is there for a reason, to honour the people

who put their lives on the line for us," said Hopkins.

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When pricing your product, the following should be taken into consideration:

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- labor (time spent making your product)
- overhead costs (rent, business insurance, advertising, etc.)
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Helen McCusker

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Ask a Restaurateur

Q: Why aren't there as many restaurants in Fort Erie, Ontario as there used to be?

A: Another great question that has been asked many times.

Fort Erie has always had a variety of restaurants, however, over the years,

the number of restaurants has declined as more industries down-street or closed, their work force depleted as well. This has affected the local economy.

The most recent decline in the number of restaurants is due to the Crystal Beach Amusement Park's 10-year-old financial difficulties.

The Park has been a draw for many years and the food and they also have been affected by the local economy and many of its retail businesses have had to close to keep up with the economic slide.

If you would like to see an rebound of restaurants in the future, encourage the many developers that are based in Greater

Fort Erie and visit our Fort Erie Taste in the future, to help sustain the restaurants that are here to stay.

As a restaurateur, it is important to know your local culture and where our local community supports and develops like the Canada International Motor Speedway.

You will find new restaurants and cafes to choose from and as such will fit the bill for all types of diners.

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Future of Kinsmen Pool still afloat

▶ Public can speak at council meeting on Nov. 7

Kris Dubé
The Times

"If council cannot commit to supporting the current Kinsmen Pool facility, they must consider where we go from here."

— Jessica Kompf

to table a resolution on what direction to swim in on the matter, which was built by the Kinsmen Club in 1967. Council hopes community input will give them a better understanding of what action is needed.

"If council cannot commit to supporting the current Kinsmen Pool facility, they must consider where we go from here," said Kompf.

"Do not pull the plug on the Kinsmen Pool," she pleaded to the mayor and council.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero, who has been chair of the fundraising committee long before he was elected as a councillor last October, told Kompf he will do anything he can to find a solution for the historic pool.

"At budget time, I'll be having in-depth discussions with my colleagues. I still do believe in the need for this pool," said Passero.

Anybody who wishes to make a presentation before council on the Kinsmen Pool and what it means to them, can have a chance at the meeting of Nov. 7 at Town Hall at 6 p.m. To register as a delegation, call the Town at (905) 871-1600.

Last week, council elected

Beware of false claims about Town's Water

Residents should be concerned about door-to-door salesmen attempting to sell a reverse osmosis water purification system.

The Town of Fort Erie has been receiving phone calls about salesmen trying to convince residents that municipal water is unsafe for human consumption.

The salesmen may perform a jar jam purity test with the use of a "precipitator" and an in-home "total dissolved salts" test to convince residents their water is unclear.

The Town's drinking water continues to meet the water quality standards of the province of Ontario.

Any one who has concerns on water quality can contact the water operator to conduct a site visit and water sample collection within the home. Call 905-871-1600 ext. 2466 to schedule and appointment.

Pharmetrics to undergo assessment

Pharmetrics, one of Fort Erie's largest employers, is undergoing an assessment for \$100,000 to explore long term options and the viability of the plant performed by Deloitte, a third party consulting agency.

The request for a third party consultant came from a task force of representatives including the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation, The Town of Fort Erie, Pharmetrics/Jarvis Pharma and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace.

Half of the funds for the

study will be paid for by the province of Ontario and the other half will come from a grant application to the province for matching \$50,000.

Deloitte will work with the plant to identify physical assets and their applications to contract drug manufacturing, identify the employee skills and their experience related to drugmanufacturing and developing a process to seek potential buyers and interest in their product.

The task force was formed in July to find a solution to retain the 200 jobs at the local plant.

Downtown juggling



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Stevensville resident Brandon Lucas was able to juggle his schedule in order to attend the Ridgeway Fall Fair last Saturday.

Ask the Expert

Ask a Computer Expert

Q: What is a 'tablet' computer?

by Ed Smith

A: Tablets are compact, touch-screen computers. They are considered middle ground between laptops and handheld smartphones. Most people find them perfect for surfing the Internet, checking email and Facebook, as well as light gaming. Some have even found them useful for business but ask lots of questions before buying.



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Ask the Physiotherapist

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Leah Havill

Ask a Funeral Director

Q: How does someone become a funeral director?

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Ask a Mental Health Therapist

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Take the time to discuss your installation thoroughly with your shower supplier. Good luck with your installation!



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Students at FESS catching up with the local community

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

A summer program helps students grab a hold of experiences which will open new doors for them.

A group of 24 students participated in Summer Catch—a six week program hosted by Fort Erie Secondary School

(FESS).

The program is meant to give kids an opportunity to work together, develop a sense of team work, pride and civic responsibility, says Ryan Timbers, a resource teacher at FESS.

"The program started last year as a pilot project—it was meant to give kids something to do during the summer. It also gives the students an opportunity to complete their required volunteer hours to graduate and it also gives opportunities to kids who would not necessarily have them otherwise."

During July and August, the FESS students took part in a mentorship program which saw the high school students take younger students from Fort Erie Elementary School and lead them in games and crafts.

They also participated in activities and workshops with Bridge Community Health Centre, the Niagara Regional Youth Justice, who are just a few of the partners who contributed to the program.

"When it comes down to it, it's all about connecting the kids to adults, the friendships, the team building and the sense of ownership."

The idea of the program is

to introduce figures in the community to act as role models, for students, says Timbers.

Julie Mathewson, a youth councillor at FESS, says Summer Catch is the perfect program for students who aren't interested in sports, but they are trying to figure out what they are interested in.

She says the program is the ideal opportunity for students to figure out something they are interested in, whether it's volunteering, meeting people in the community, getting out in the fresh air and learning about where they live.

Mathewson says the best part about the program is the change she has seen in the students —many of them have formed bonds with each other and many of the students take on active roles volunteering in and outside of the school.

"It's been amazing to see the kids have made the friendships, the team building and the sense of ownership."

The Summer Catch pro-

gram also focused on a community project — that the students renovated the courtyard at FESS, says Jonas Dickson, a summer catch student.

"The courtyard was looking very plain and we decided to give it an upgrade. We did lots of gardening. The shed was a big job—we stained it and we're still trying to reshape it."

The students also added a composting station, a fountain, and benches for students to sit and enjoy the shade area.

Dickson says he has always enjoyed volunteering but being a part of the program has helped teach him a few things.

"The program shaped me in different ways. It taught me to give more than 100 per cent and it taught me to not be afraid of getting down and dirty."

The best part of the experience for Dickson is the memories he has gained while participating in the program.

"You're not giving up your summer, you're giving back your summer."



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Secondary School students students Witchi Corriente, Jonah Dickson, Lashawn John, Ashley Postl, Julie Mathewson, youth councillor, Shahim Shirley Mark, Ryan Timbers, resource teacher, and Jason Midgley participated in a volunteer program during July and August called Summer Catch.

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Pilot project aims to address poverty issues in the community

Next workshop to be held Nov. 29

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

The first step in ending poverty is to understand what poverty is.

Habitat for Humanity of Niagara, the Adult Literacy Council of Fort Erie and the Niagara Prosperity Initiative are working together to help build an understanding of what poverty is through 'Bridges Out Of Poverty'—a workshop for people who provide services within the community.

The day-long workshop is meant to teach professionals and communities how to assist low-income children and their families, says Kay Green, chair of the Adult Literacy Council.

Four workshops have been scheduled and there is one more on Nov. 29 at the Clarion Hotel.

Green says anyone who provides a service to the community could benefit attending a workshop because it is a pilot project focused on making a difference in communities such as Fort Erie.

"These service providers include everyone who works in health care, education or even church organizations. These people are just a few examples," says Green.

Almost everyone has a preconceived idea of what poverty means and Green says these ideas can get in the way of making a positive difference for someone who lives with poverty.

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poverty, middle class or wealth, and the workshop aims to teach people how to live about poverty rules to better understand poverty.

Green uses the example of a person from poverty or middle class attending a fancy dinner... there is a certain etiquette that is expected when attending a fancy dinner. This means choosing the proper utensils and when to use them, says Green.

"People who don't know are usually sitting and waiting for someone else to go first. But, the wealthy would expect their guest to start first."

Unless these rules, the way language is used and family structures are understood, people in the community won't be able to understand poverty and how to help get rid of it.

There are still spots available for service providers who wish to attend the workshop on Nov. 29. For more information about participating in a workshop visit www.habitatniagara.org.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Kay Green, chair of the adult literacy council, Kerri-Lynn Lee co-ordinator of Fort Erie North Community House Project, Vicki Komar, a workshop leader, and Sandy Rempel, a family services manager, hosted the Bridges Out of Poverty workshop series at the Clarion Hotel on Wednesday. It was one of four one-day workshops to educate service providers about poverty and strategies to deal with it.

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Meteors come up short last two games

In Junior B action, the Fort Erie Meteors faced off against the Stoney Creek Warriors and lost 4-1 last Saturday.

The team played against the Buffalo Blades on Tuesday and lost 3-2 in a close game.

Despite their losses this week, the Meteors have shown skill and technique on the ice.

So far this season, Nik Passero has scored six goals and notched 14 assists for a total of 20 points.

Jesse Parker has scored eight goals and made nine assists for a total of 17

points.

Jordan Bailey has scored five goals and made 10 assists for a total of 15 points and Brock Malatchies has scored five goals and made eight assists for a total of 13 points.

Jordan Bolibruck and Andrew Ansell each have 12 points. Bolibruck has scored seven goals and has pitched in with five helpers. Ansell, the team captain, has five goals and seven assists.

Fans can see the Meteors in action as they play against the Niagara Falls Canucks tonight at 7:15 p.m., at the Leisureplex.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Meteors netminder Matt Stuart keeps his eye on the puck as it passes through his crease during last Saturday's 4-1 loss to the Stoney Creek Warriors. The local Jr. B team faces the Niagara Falls Canucks tonight at home. Puck drop is 7:15 p.m.



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The team recently acquired their goalie Xristos Assimakopoulos who only allowed six goals against, in five games which included two shutouts.

The number of shots the goalie faced was highly controlled by a solid defensive shut-down game and an offensive explosion on the other end of the ice.

The game was a total team effort.

In their undefeated run, the peewees won 4-4, 14-0, 8-1, 8-1.

The peewees won the championship game final victory of 6-0 over the home team, the Erie Lions.

The team was led offensively by Zak Bobak who put home 10 goals on the weekend and Ethan Arsenault who had seven goals and two assists.

Also contributing to the offensive explosion were Drake Quinn with four goals and three assists, Michael Fazio and Liam Cain each had four goals and two assists.

Matthew King scored one goal and made six assists, Jonathan Larocque one goal and three assists.

Jared Montgomery scored one goal and made two assists.

Matthew Pettay, Michael Athoe and Clark Ashey each had a goal and an assist while Christian Vattozzi had two assists and Emilie Lafleur and Nash Gerritsen each had an assist, to round out the scoring.

The team was led defensively by Lucas Trombley and newcomers Christian Vattozzi and Emilie Lafleur who shut down the opposition all weekend.

The team played hard and showed great sportsmanship throughout the tournament and represented the Town of Fort Erie well.

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Good start to season



The Junior Meteors Novice A team travelled to Caledonia for their first tournament of the season last weekend. They won five out of six games and finished in the tournament as the finalists. Team members are Campbell Laroche, Ethan Sawyer, Blake Hall, Owen Kelley, Blake Train, Mich Stewart, Zane Gilmore, Jaxon Burd, Joshua Bourdon, Bryson Allen, Tyson Richer, Kevin Haley, Jaxon Boake, Owen Mehlertbacher, Dylan Divinney, Michael Willey and Mason Arbic.

Nominate your favourite local athlete today

Once again it is the time of year when the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame committee is accepting nominations for the 2012 induction. We welcome everyone in town to think of someone that deserves this recognition. Since there are only a few spots available each year, we also encourage those whose name has not yet been selected to re-apply.

Fort Erie has a long and storied history in the sports world. Let's year from those who have lived or been touched through sport. It may be through playing, coach-

ing, volunteering. If you know of someone you think should be recognized, let the committee know.

There must be a nomination in order for someone to be considered. If you are wondering why someone is not on The Wall, perhaps that is the reason. Do a little research, pick up the form and maybe they will get their spot on the Wall.

The nomination forms are available at the Recreation Office in the leisureplex and the deadline for this year's nominations is Friday, November 11.

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Deaths

ISOKAIT, Gustav A. - On Monday October 24th, 2011, Gustav peacefully passed away at the age of 82. Beloved husband of Carol Whislakait, dear father of Robert and Susan Epoch and cherished grandfather and great grandfather. A private memorial service will be held at a later time in memory of Gustav, those who may wish may make a memorial donation to the McMaster Wing at Hamilton General Hospital. Funeral arrangements entrusted to The WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME. On-line guest register www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

NIGH, Viola Elvira - Passed away on October 25th, 2011 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in her 84th year. Viola is predeceased by her husbands, Daniel Winger, Raymond Ebney and Lewis Nigh. Devoted mother of Diana Reska, Bev (Rock) Smith and Michael (Shelly) Goode. Loving grandmother of Diane (Don) Carty, Demick (Kayla) Smith, Christine (John) Carty, Dennis (Cathy) Goode, Proud great-grandmother of Tanner, Cally and Colleen. Cherished mother of Linda (Mike) Roth. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, especially her beloved family and friends. Predeceased by son Gerald Winger, sisters Helen Roth, Laura Dottie, Allie Clayton and brother Fred Roth.

BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES, 1205 Benner Ave., Fort Erie, prepared the arrangements. The family received friends Wednesday October 26th from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral services was held at St. John's Lutheran Church (Snyder) on Thursday at 11 a.m. Interment was made at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. If so desired, donations to St. John's Lutheran Church (Snyder) would be appreciated by the family.

REAGAN, Donald D. - At Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday October 21, 2011. Donald D. Reagans in his 81st year, beloved husband of Shirley (Reagan) Reagans (former of Mark Hall Union), Michael Hall, Liane Gilliam (Dan), loving grandson of Adam Hall, Carolyn McGean (Parry), Brandon, Chelsea, and Mackenzie Hall. Also survived by 3 great grandchildren. Brother of Jackie (Ida Mae) Walker and Margaret (Nichol) Jack, Ida Mae Walker and of Manitoba. Also in our love, Lee Reagans of Manitoulin, Angie Uphan of St. Catharines. Uncle of 13 nieces & nephews & Don's hunting buddy & friend Don Ronner of Alberta. We will always think of him as a true Don. Donald's request, cremation has taken place. A gathering for family & friends will be held at St. George's Church, Parish Hall, 56 Ridgeway Ave, Crystal Beach ON, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Donations can be made to Hotel Dieu Hospital/St.Catharines,ON or Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie. O.N. would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES, Ridgeway,ON (905) 894-0120.

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SAMETZ, Clara Doris - Peacefully at Grace Manor, Brampton on Monday, October 24th, 2011 at the age of 90 years of Fort Erie. Beloved wife of the late Nick Sametz (1994). Loving mother of Bill Sametz of Brampton. Loved Grandma of Andrea Lynn (Chris) Bonner and Nick Sametz. Great-Grandmother of Brooklyn Melody Bonner. The family received their friends at THE HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 21 Windermere Street, Fort Erie on Thursday 2-4 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Funeral service was held at the Chapel Friday October 28th at 11:00 a.m. Cremation Memorial donations to The Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences www.hammonddavidsonfuneralhome.com

WEBSTER, Claire Isabelle (Mowat) - Peacefully at Portail Village with her family by her side she was promoted to Glory on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the age of 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Paul Webster (1994) and loving mother of Timothy Bill Webster of Brampton and Mary Lynn Hetherington and the late Irene Hetherington (2008). Survived by much loved grandsons, Timothy, Tom, Tim, Trevor, as well as many nieces and nephews. Also survived by very dear sister-in-law Isabel Mowat of St. Catharines. Predeceased by her parents John and Ethel Mowat, sisters Helen May, Joan, Nedra, brothers Edward, Robert and Francis. Claire was a teacher at Niagara South Board of Education for 34 years. Teaching at numerous 1 room schools, and SS#7, Pointe Acho, Mather, and retiring from SS#8, Garrison River in 1996. The school she started teaching at in 1962. Claire also resided in Portail Village Retirement Home for 25 years, being the 1st resident of the home since 1986. Member of the Portail Village Bible Chapel. Retired Teachers Association. Graduate of Alton McMaster and Brock Universities. Claire's family will receive friends at the ARMSTRONG FUNERAL HOME, 179 Clarence Street, Port Colborne on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. The Funeral service will be held at the Portail Village Chapel on Thursday October 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow in Overholts Cemetery, Bethel, ON. Memorial donations may be made to Every Day Publications Inc. or Christian Missions in many lands. Online condolences available at www.armstrongfuneralhome.ca

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Evelyn Cameron

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In loving memory of my beloved husband Howard, who passed away Oct. 26, 1994. It is sad to say he is gone alone. He will be missed by all of us. But to all there comes a moment When the ways of life divide. Your gave me years of happiness Then came sorrow and tears. But you will always be in my memories I will treasure we meet. Until we meet. Love you, Phyl.

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Fred Bolton, Larry Graber, mayor Doug Martin, Tom Armstrong, Sam Stark and Bob Bolton at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71's flag raising on Thursday, to kick off the poppy campaign which ends on Remembrance Day and started late this week.



Mayor Doug Martin with Barbara Hopkins and Sergeant John. E. Marr, of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 raised their Canadian Flag on Friday to recognize veterans who have fought in battle to keep Canada safe. The legion also began its distribution of poppies to recognize veterans on Remembrance Day.



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Library welcomes new chief executive officer

Craig Schufelt is getting settled in and comfortable.

He is the new chief executive officer for the Fort Erie Public Library (FEPPL) and on Tuesday evening, a meet and greet was held to introduce him to the community, at the FEPPL's centennial branch.

On Monday night, he also addressed council as an introduction to his new position.

He moved to Fort Erie to take the job, filling the shoes of the FEPPL's previous CEO Gord Thomson, who retired earlier this year.

His last position was in Fort McMurray, Alta., at a newly built facility that cost over \$20 million.

He enjoyed his time there, but looks forward to some of the challenges that will come at the new gig.

But he also appreciates the small town feel of Fort Erie and looks forward to meeting many new people.

"I don't necessarily always feel that bigger is better," said Schufelt.

"I really like the small town feel," he added.

Other than his wife being a Fort Erie native who still has

many relatives living here, he says a huge draw for his family was the close proximity to the border and all the cultural opportunities that are so readily available, such as Buffalo Bills and Sabres games.

"That's a huge draw for me and my kids," he said.

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Bouquet

To the parents on the major atom hockey team on our weekend tournament in Cleveland for all their hard work and time spent providing the team with an excellent experience. We kept the team and parents together for the entire weekend and it was very relaxing and enjoyable.

Briek

To the owners of horses on Garrison Road who do not provide proper conditions for these beautiful animals. I bet they have never seen a veterinarian or a blacksmith in their lives and it's

so sad to see how cruel people can be to these wonderful animals.

Briek

To people who park in the fire lane at a local grocery store, making it difficult for other motorists moving through the parking lot. Perhaps the Town should get involved and rectify this problem.

Bouquet

To all the wonderful volunteers at the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie. Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

Briek

To the two speed bumps on Dominion Road that I'm sure were designed to keep people from speeding around the curve near Helena Street. You almost have to come to a complete stop if you don't want to feel like you are damaging your car while on this stretch of road. This needs to be fixed.



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